

Daily Prayer for the Close of the Day

“P” = Pastor and “C” = Congregation

The sign of the Holy Cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P. In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C. **Amen.**

P. The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and peace at the last.
C. **Amen.**

P. It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
C. **to sing praise to Your name, O Most High;**

P. To herald Your love in the morning,
C. **Your truth at the close of the day.**

Praying the Psalm

Psalm 147:1-11

¹Praise the Lord!

For it is good to sing praises to our God;
for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.

²The Lord builds up Jerusalem;
he gathers the outcasts of Israel.

³He heals the brokenhearted
and binds up their wounds.

⁴He determines the number of the stars;
he gives to all of them their names.

⁵Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;
his understanding is beyond measure.

⁶The Lord lifts up the humble;
he casts the wicked to the ground.

⁷Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving;
make melody to our God on the lyre!

⁸He covers the heavens with clouds;
he prepares rain for the earth;
he makes grass grow on the hills.

⁹He gives to the beasts their food,
and to the young ravens that cry.

¹⁰His delight is not in the strength of the horse,
nor his pleasure in the legs of a man,

¹¹but the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear him,
in those who hope in his steadfast love.

Reading from Holy Scripture

Romans 6:1-5

¹What shall we say then? Shall we keep on sinning so that grace may increase? ² Absolutely not! We died to sin. How can we go on living in it any longer? ³ Or do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ We were therefore buried with him

by this baptism into his death, so that just as he was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too would also walk in a new life.

⁵ For if we have been united with him in the likeness of his death, we will certainly also be united with him in the likeness of his resurrection.

P. This is the Word of the Lord.

C. Thanks be to God.

Reading from the Small Catechism

What does such baptizing with water indicate?

It indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

Where is this written?

St. Paul writes in Romans chapter six: "We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life." (Rom. 6:4)

Apostles' Creed

**C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life + everlasting. Amen.**

**Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace;
Your word has been fulfilled.
My own eyes have seen the salvation
which You have prepared in the sight of every people:
a light to reveal You to the nations
and the glory of Your people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

**C Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

P. Almighty God, You show those in error the light of Your truth so that they may return to the way of righteousness. Grant faithfulness to all who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's Church that they may avoid whatever is contrary to their confession and follow all such things as are pleasing to You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C. Amen.

Concluding prayers:

P. Visit our dwellings, O Lord, and in Your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of Your only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ.

C. Amen.

P. Kind Father, we have many concerns to bring before Your Holy Altar. Hear our prayers as each one of us prays quietly in the thoughts of our hearts answer, we pray, according to Your gracious Will and conform our lives to that of Your dear Son Jesus, in Whose name we pray.

C. Amen.

P. Kind Father, we remember before you all those persons whom we have named on our prayer list: Paula, Hunter, John, Dan, Lesley, Jo, John, Dick, Pam, Al, Jan, Kurt, Ruth, Carol, Marsha, Lori, Bob, Darlene, Carol, Karen, Brad, Keith, Ed, Jon, Bobbie, Mike, Tom, Doris, Joaquin, Marcie, Laura Jo, Cayden, Janice, all our members who are homebound, all members of our Armed Forces (particularly Pastor Keith GeRue, Kyle Summers, and Logan Davies), all emergency service personnel, and all who work for the common good. May they be comforted and cared for, and may Your Will be done in their lives. In the strong name of Jesus, we pray.

C. Amen.

C. I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Blessing

P. Let us bless the Lord.

C. Thanks be to God.

P. The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless you and keep you.

C. Amen.

*“Then go to sleep at once and in good cheer.” (Martin Luther, *Small Catechism*).*

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